



Physician Fact Sheet: Procedure for Potential Rabies Exposure

Has exposure occurred through a bite, scratch, or other situation where saliva or central nervous system (CNS) tissue of an animal entered an open, fresh wound, non-intact skin, or came in contact with a mucous membrane? Or did the patient have any type of contact with a **bat**?

No further action

No

Yes/Unsure

What type of animal was involved ? (If non-mammal, NO risk for rabies.)

Wild Animal
(eg: skunks, foxes, wolf hybrids, bobcats, and javelinas; but excluding bats)

Is animal available for testing?

No

Yes

Call **MCDPH** for assessment

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AND
To arrange for animal testing

Rodent or Rabbit

PEP not indicated

*Note: Rodents and rabbits in AZ are NOT considered likely to transmit rabies and do NOT need to be tested, except for in unusual circumstances.***

** Unusual circumstances:

- An animal exhibiting acute neurological signs (per a veterinarian) and found in rabies enzootic/epizootic area.
- An animal kept as a pet and housed outdoors that survived an attack from a wild animal.

Cat, Dog, or Ferret in U.S.

Is animal available for testing or quarantine?

No

Yes

Withhold PEP and call Animal Care & Control to attempt to locate animal AND Call MCDPH for assessment

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Bat, Monkey, or Other Exotic Mammal

Call **MCDPH** for assessment

Note: Herpes B virus may be an urgent concern for contact with Old World Monkey

Livestock

Report to the **Arizona Department of Agriculture**

Was the animal sick AND has human exposure occurred?

Yes

No further action

Call **MCDPH** for assessment

MCDPH

24 hours a day

602-747-7111

Animal Care & Control

602-506-7387

AZ Dept. of Agriculture

602-542-4293

If you have additional questions, please contact the Maricopa County Department of Public Health (MCDPH) Office of Epidemiology at 602-372-2605.